

MACKEREL FARES EXPECTED MONDAY

First Sales of Cape Shore Fish Made at \$15.50 Per Barrel.

The news that the seiners were making hauls off Whitehead, N. S., on Thursday leads to the belief that some of the fleet may be along by Monday. Surely some of the fleet had fair catches before going down as far as Whitehead, and it may be that a few at least got enough there to make up a fare to come along with.

Salt mackerel from the Cape Shore opened at the finest kind of a price, higher than most anyone figured they would. If the seiners now on the Cape Shore could receive the word that salt Cape Shores opened at \$15.50 per barrel, which they did, it would mean that many of them would salt more fish than they had the intention of doing when they went away, for it is a well known fact that it was the disposition of most of the captains of the fleet, when they started, to run just as much of their catch fresh as they possibly could and to pay little attention to salting.

At the present figure however, fresh mackerel cannot drop below 15 cents each before it would be more profitable to salt than to run fresh. Should a number of the fleet strike Boston together with good bunches of fresh mackerel, it is a safe wager that the price of fresh ones will drop. Salt mackerel may drop, but they will not drop much, at least this seems to be the prevailing opinion. Should they drop some, the price for what salt Cape Shores will bring this season will still be good and satisfactory to most any man who catches them. The price may go up, but this is thought hardly likely unless the catch should turn out to be practically nothing at all. Then perhaps some few hundred barrels

might bring even a more fancy figure than that on which the season opened.

The fare of sch. Constellation, the first of the season, sold to William H. Jordan & Co., at \$15.50 per barrel. The fare of sch. Sylvania will go to Sylvanus Smith & Co., at the same figure.

A dispatch to the Boston Fish Bureau this morning states that the body of the fish have gone by Halifax. The weather off that port was bad yesterday and no hauls were made by the resident fishermen.

Stock and Share of Sch. Constellation.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, stocked \$5400 as the result of her recent Cape Shore mackerel seining trip, the crew sharing \$116.90.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Cherokee, 11,000 fresh mackerel. Sch. Lillian, 1600 fresh mackerel.

Catches at Other Ports.

The little netter Mable ran into New Bedford yesterday with a catch of 750 medium mackerel.

Vineyard Haven had a total of seven arrivals with 4825 mackerel, in count, yesterday morning, the netters venturing a short way off shore during a spell of calm. The netters were the Rita, with 450 fish in count, the Gem with 300, the Mildred J., with 400, the Mildred with 1300, the Gypsy Maid with 800, the Torpedo with 200.

Canso, N. S., sends word that although there are no mackerel in the traps, the netters have been getting as high as 400 fish in count apiece.

No mackerel were landed at Provincetown yesterday.

The steamer Halifax, from Halifax, brought 524 barrels of mackerel to the Boston market yesterday morning, and in all by rail and boat the wharf received nearly 600 barrels of fresh mackerel.

CONFIRMS FALSE ICE REPORTS.

Short and not too sweet is the fish tale here this morning. There are two arrivals, sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, of the shack fleet, with a good fare, 75,000 pounds of salt cod and a like amount of fresh cod, and sch. Marion Turner from the Rips where she has been for over a week and seen only a few fish, with 60,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

Capt. J. Henry Larkin of sch. Onato of the shack fleet which arrived this morning with a good fare of fresh and salt cod, confirms the statement of Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, which came in yesterday to the effect that the Canadian ice reports as given out the past spring were very misleading and the captain says that vessels were unable to get to the Magdalens and the bait was there and also they would have been able to have fished at Cape North and Scatterie much earlier than the ice reports indicated. The reports cost the shack fleet as well as the bankers, a lot of fish.

Capt. Larkin saw none of the shack fleet on this last baiting, but passed quite a fleet on Western bank and thinks that these were the vessels which having found cod scarce, had left up at Cape North and Scatterie and were finishing up on hake and cusk. The fact that Capt. Thomas and Larkin, two of the most dependable men in the business do not bring their usual big catches on their shack trips of the season is taken as corroboration of the reports that the shackers are not doing as well as usual. True both skippers have brought what are really good fares, but they are not like the "loads" they have brought on their shack trips the past two or three seasons.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Onato, St. Peter's Bank, 75,000 lbs. salt cod, 75,000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Marion Turner Rips, 60,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston. Sch. Jorgina, via Boston. Sch. Sylvania, via Boston, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting. Sch. Shenandoah, seining. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, mackerel seining.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, mackerel seining.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, mackerel seining.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt.; for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.37½.

Trawl Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.59; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.25. Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75. All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh large mackerel 25 cents each. Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.00.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.

Georges halibut, 8c per lb. for white and 6 1-4 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut 6½ cts. per lb. for white, 4 cts. for gray and 2 cts. for chicken.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums \$2.05.

Cape North cod, \$2.30 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

NO HERRING AT THE MAGDALENS.

SCARCITY OF BAIT CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO FISHERMEN.

Recent advices from the Magdalen Islands state that herring have played out at Grand Entry, something which has never before been known to happen in the month of June.

Capt. Robert Wharton of sch. Yakima says that about two weeks ago there were over 50 sail of vessels there waiting for bait. Sch. Arkona got the last lot, scraping all the nets and getting but six dory loads from them all together.

Some of the shackers which had been waiting there in vain for bait hoisted sail and made for the Newfoundland coast, hoping to strike bait there on the treaty shore.

This absence of bait at the favorite baiting place is liable to seriously handicap not only the trawl bankers but also the fresh and salt shackers.

The report of the playing out of the bait supply at the Magdalen Islands is confirmed by word received at Boston by the owners of sch. Fannie Belle Atwood.

Capt. John Atwood of that craft sends word that he is at the Magdalens and cannot secure any there. Among other crafts in the same plight he mentions sch. Mabel D. Hines, of the salt bank fleet, which has a catch of 125,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Capt. Henry M. Atwood of the Atlantic Maritime Company yesterday received word from Capt. Gourley Anderson of s. b. Susan and Mary, that skipper also reporting that the bait supply has played out at the Magdalens and that the fleet is up against it on the bait problem. Capt. Anderson writes that some of the vessels have gone to the Newfoundland treaty coast seeking bait.

It is reported that some of the bankers and shackers have gone to St. Pierre to wait for caplin.

TWO ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

BUT FIGURES OFFERED ON HADDOCK ARE BELOW SPLITTING PRICES.

Boston, like Gloucester, has but two arrivals this morning, sch. Hortense, from the Cape Shore, with 48,000 pounds of mixed fish and a couple thousand weight of halibut and sch. Juniata with a small fare.

Prices are low, haddock selling for \$1 which is less than splitting price, while large cod brought \$3.25 and \$3.50.

The dealers are looking for fresh mackerel Monday from the Cape Shore and also from Newport and New Bedford and the Cape, with a possible consignment of the Yarmouth steamer.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are: Sch. Hortense, 10,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 9000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Juniata, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.70; cusk, \$1.50.

The Food of Halibut.

An extensive research was made by Dr. T. Scott on the subject of the food of halibut, the stomachs of 1,076 halibut being examined and the contents noted. About one-third of the stomachs were found to be empty or contained food so much digested that its nature could not be determined. A very considerable proportion of the food of the halibut was shown to consist of fishes, of which 20 species were determined, the most common being haddock and whiting, and the larger halibut were more prone to a fish diet than the smaller ones. Crustaceans, and in particular the Norway lobster and hermit crabs, were common in the stomachs, as were also cuttle-fishes; but echinoderms, as starfishes and urchins, were very sparingly represented.—Fish Trade's Gazette.

China Agitated Over Failure of Herring Catch.

"Considerable agitation has been felt in the trade supplying China with salt fish over the failure of the herring catch along the North Pacific coast during the season just closed," says Consul General George E. Anderson, stationed at Hong Kong. "Ordinary imports from the Pacific coast to China and Japan form the port to Victoria, British Columbia, will run about 25,000 tons of salt herring per season.

"A large portion of this trade belongs to American capitalists and is handled by firms along the Pacific coast from the United States. China alone imports about 71,000 tons of salt fish a year, the figures for 1909 being 70,028 tons, valued at \$5528,106 gold."

Pacific Coast Halibut Fleet Successful

The independent halibut fleet on the Pacific coast which is now fishing off Cape Flattery, has been having very good success. Fish are said to be so plentiful that fishermen can confine their week's operation in a small radius with success. Owing to an unusually large amount of fish arriving, the price recently has taken a big drop and fishermen are getting poor prices for Pacific coast halibut. All the halibut fishermen report favorable weather conditions at the Cape, and with a plentiful supply of bait all find plenty of fish.

June 10.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Gov. Foss sold to the American Halibut Co. at 5 cents per pound for white and gray, right through.

Purchased Sloop.

Capt. George F. Woodman of Newburyport has sold his sloop Lillian to Capt. Glinn of this port.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Elsie and Harmony were at Canso, Wednesday.

June 10.

Italians Making Good.

The Italian fishermen are bringing in at Boston large quantities of live crabs and eels, both of which are much esteemed as delicacies among their country people. One fisherman, Pietro Galvaninni, landed seven barrels of crabs at Long wharf yesterday morning.

June 12.

St. Pierre Fishermen Astray.

Isaac Rault and Henry Collin, two members of the crew of the St. Pierre fishing schooner Lelia arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Wednesday morning from Campbellton, N. B., where they were landed on Saturday last by the Norwegian vessel Odfine after being separated from their own vessel for nine days.

The men while fishing in their dory on Quere bank on May 2 were lost in a fog and were unable to locate their ship. They succeeded in getting on board another where they obtained some clothing and provisions and started again in search of the Lelia.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Gov. Foss sold on Saturday to the American Halibut Company at 5 cents per pound right through, for white and gray. One pen was taken out Saturday and the remainder of the fare was taken out this morning.

Up to 11 o'clock this morning the big fare of the John Hays Hammond at Boston and sch. Kinco at this port, remained unsold.

Dory and Seine Picked Up by Cape Porpoise Man.

A 14-foot dory, floating upside down and entangled in a seine was found on Friday, by Hartley Huff of Cape Porpoise, Me., between Duck Island and York ledge. It is thought that the dory was being towed, and probably broke adrift in the recent easterly. Mr. Huff would be glad to deliver these to the owner upon identification of property.

Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday was a bad day for the fishermen; that is, for the men of the motor boats and the little Hampton craft. There was quite a wind outside and a rough sea and so they were forced back. About 1500 pounds of pollock came in from the traps off Cape Elizabeth and 15 barrels of uncommonly fine herring.